63. Puttur
64. Robertsonpet
65. Haveri
66. Kumta
67. Shirahatti
68. Srinivaspura
69. Gangavathi
70 Madugiri
71. K.R. Pet
72. Hoovina–Hadagali
73. Sadalaga
74. Chikkodi
75. Badravathi
76. Shikaripur
77. Challakere
78. Kundagol
79. Vijayapura
80. Nanjanagud
81. Gurmitkal

Mass Rapid Transport System in Bangalore

4162. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought approval of the Centre for its Mass Rapid Transport System at Bangalore on the lines of the Delhi Metro Rail; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has sought Government of India's participation in the Bangalore Metro Project, a rail-based Mass Rapid Transit System. The project envisages construction of 33 kms in two corridors at an estimated cost of Rs. 5605 crores. 'In principle'

approval to the project has been given by the Planning Commission. The project has further been processed for appraisal by the Public Investment Board (PIB).

Special Central Assistance to Water Supply Scheme for Bhopal

†4163. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of special central assistance for the scheme to supply water for Bhopal from Narmada, keeping in view the requirement of potable water of Bhopal city; and

(b) if so, by when the said amount would be provided to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Rs. 20.00 crore has been allocated for Bhopal Water Supply Scheme, based on drawal of water from Narmada as part of one time Annual Central Assistance (ACA) under the approved Annual Plan for 2005-06. Accordingly, the State Government has allocated Rs. 20.00 crore for the project on 20th January, 2005.

Encroachments on Ajmal Khan Road

4164. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of small traders blocking the roads and walkways on the main Ajmal Khan Road causing a lot of hardships to people; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken or propose to take to remove encroachments on the main Ajmal Khan Road, New Delhi for smooth flow of pedestrians and traffic?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that they are aware of small traders blocking the roads and walkways on the Ajmal Khan Road. Some of the squatters are tehbazari holders. Other unauthorized squatters are removed from the Government land from time to time.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.